

(Washington, DC) Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) made the following statement regarding the ongoing humanitarian efforts in Haiti:

“Not enough sorrow can be expressed for the people of Haiti and all those affected by this tragic event. This earthquake was a horror of epic proportions. For years, Haitians have lived misery beyond human understanding. I pray that God will grant them the tenderest of mercies and that the governments of the world will collaborate with the highest caliber of relief and reconstruction assistance.

“One thing that is not needed is a whole lot of politicians tripping over each other to show their newfound compassion for Haiti. The best thing for everyone is to allow those involved in relief efforts to do their job. At this most difficult time, the recovery effort must be free of politics and finger-pointing,” said Hastings.

Congressman Alcee L. Hastings is Vice Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, a senior member of the House Rules Committee, and Co-Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission.

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